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GROUP ART UNIT 3682

Attorney Docket No.: BHT-3111-206

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 15, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to expire on **November 15, 2003** by the filing herewith of a Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: